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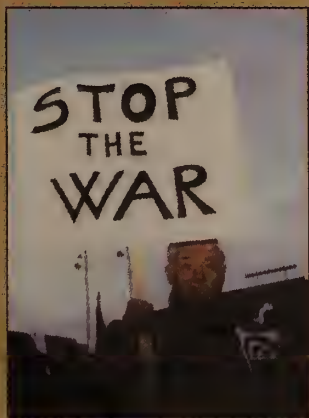
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College honours outstanding athletes at year-end banquet

By Charles Kuepfer

Stacie Arsenault and Anthony Gignac were named female and male athletes of the year at Conestoga College's 31st annual athletic banquet.

The banquet was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Kitchener on April 16 to honour the accomplishments of both varsity and intramural teams during the 98/99 school year at Conestoga College.

Over 100 athletes, coaches and referees were in attendance.

Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation for Conestoga College, said the banquet was held in honour of the college's athletic achievements.

"It is important to appreciate the effort of the student athlete," said James, who extended thanks to all athletes, recreation staff and maintenance staff involved in the athletics program.

Arsenault, who beat out four nominees to win the female athlete of the year award, said it felt great to win.

"I didn't expect it," said Arsenault. "It was just nice to be nominated."

Arsenault played for the college's silver-medal winning women's softball team.

She set an OCAA record this



Stacie Arsenault :
Female athlete of the year.

(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)



Anthony Gignac :
Male athlete of the year.

(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)

year for most hits in a season, hitting 24 in 12 games.

Gignac was named male athlete of the year, back-stopping the Condors to a silver medal in the national hockey championships and a bronze medal in the provincial hockey championships. He was named goalie of the tournament for both championships.

All of Conestoga's varsity teams were honoured, with a most valuable player and coaches award being awarded to each team.

The women's softball team honoured Stacie Arsenault as

MVP, while Keri Quipp received the coaches award.

Rebecca Miller was named as MVP for the women's outdoor soccer team, with Daniela Siro receiving the coaches award.

For the women's indoor soccer team, Stephanie Den Haan was named MVP and Erin Marshall received the coaches award.

The men's outdoor soccer team honoured Paul Mouradian as MVP, while Marko Jurisic collected the coaches award.

Mouradian was also named as

MVP for the men's indoor soccer team, with Shaun Samuels receiving the coaches award.

For the men's hockey team, Gignac collected the MVP award, while Ian MacDonald received the coaches award.

Besides honouring the college's varsity teams, intramural teams were recognized as well as the college's extramural success.

Marlene Ford, who is the athletic program assistant for Conestoga College, said both intramural and extramural programs are important to her and the college.

"It was one of the best extramural seasons Conestoga has ever had," said Ford.

Conestoga hosted and won both an extramural fastball tournament and an extramural hockey tournament.

She said approximately 400 athletes took part in intramural sports this year, which included seven different leagues.

The Enforcers were named the intramural team of the year, competing in volleyball, slow-pitch and ball hockey.

Katie McCartney was recognized as the intramural official of the year.

Bob Evans elected new faculty rep

By Eileen Diniz

Bob Evans, a professor at Conestoga College, has won the election for the position of faculty representative on the college's board of governors. Evans was competing against fellow professors Roy Carlyle and Peter Findlay.

Evans has taught accounting, finance and business policy in the accounting program for the past 13 years. He said he was glad to hear he won and hopes his three years on the board will be uneventful.

"I hope it's a quiet three years where Mr. Tibbits and I just exchange smiles across the table, wave at each other and wink at each other," said Evans. "I hope it will be the most boring three years

of committee work I've ever done. But do I think it will be? Not a chance."

Evans also said that the position is not something one would be thrilled about or jumping off the walls about because it will entail a lot of additional work.

Evans said all that will change is he will have a couple of additional evening meetings a month and possibly some additional committee work. Basically, he said, it will make the workload heavier.

"So you know the true winner, socially, may be the people who lost," said Evans. "They may have won because they don't have the extra work."

He said he will be dealing with issues that relate to the faculty and there are a number of major issues coming up over

the next three years.

He also said he likes the idea of being a faculty representative because they have a union contract unlike the administrative rep on the board who doesn't have that safety because they don't belong to a union.

Faculty can say anything they like as long as it is the truth and they won't be called up for it behind closed doors.

"The admin rep and also staff (rep), at times, feel intimidated, whereas faculty reps, typically over the years, have stood toes to toes and nose to nose because they have a certain amount of safety," said Evans.

He laughed about winning because he was the candidate whose picture was missing in the April 5 issue of Spoke.

"People said to me the best thing that ever happened to me was having the wrong picture (in Spoke). They felt sorry for me and I'm not as good looking as Findley (whose picture appeared in place of his), but they never knew that," Evans joked.

He went on to say that he appreciated the front page, April 12, apology from Spoke in regards to the incident.

"I thought it was nice because quite often when mistakes are made they are buried back on page nine," said Evans. "I thought it (the front page apology) was very classy of Spoke."

Full-time faculty, part-time faculty, sessional teachers, counselors and librarians employed by the college voted for the faculty representative on April 7.

Organizer says event a flop 12 students attend year-end concert

By Jeanette Everall

After spending almost \$2,000 to put on a free concert, Conestoga's year-end party was a flop, says the event's organizer.

"We planned our big end-of-the-year concert and no one showed up," said Patty Stokes, the Doon Student Association's (DSA) entertainment manager. "We get a lot of people asking for not the same old thing. We thought we'd try it and it turned out to be a flop."

About 12 people, including the four students who came on the free bus from residence, attended the April 12 show which featured Ron Hawkins and the Rusty Nails with guests the Pocket Dwellers. Both bands play a different style of music compared to the more mainstream groups, which Stokes said was something new for the DSA.

"Perhaps, people weren't familiar with the bands," said Stokes.

She said people being swamped with assignments and exams was partly to blame for the poor attendance, but the date the event was scheduled, played a bigger part in the small turnout.

"Having it on a Monday played a big part in the low attendance," said Stokes. "If we had (a band) with a big name I'm sure it wouldn't have mattered."

She said it probably would have made a difference if the concert were held on a Thursday or a Friday, but holding the event on those nights wasn't a possibility.

"There is the CBSA (Conestoga

Business Student Association) banquet tonight, there was the DSA awards banquet last week, there's movie night this week," she said. "There's so much going on this week it was hard to find the time to schedule the event."

Stokes said there were other reasons why the concert didn't go over well, including financial limitations and lack of time to plan events.

"The DSA starts looking at the event in January, but there are other events going on in the office (and) the DSA members can't always spend the time required to organize events," said Stokes. "As far as our budget goes, we don't have a lot of options when it comes to the end of the year."

Stokes said the DSA put in an offer for the Watchmen, a better known band, but at the last minute they decided not to accept any offers.

"It was kind of a good thing that we didn't get (the Watchmen) because it would have turned out to be a really expensive show."

However, Stokes said, the DSA is attempting to fix the problem. They are in the process of hiring a promotions co-ordinator who will be responsible for ensuring all DSA events are promoted properly, she said.

Stokes will be entertainment manager again next year, but she said she won't be making the same mistakes.

"This is like a life lesson. We're going to learn to look at the budget earlier and start allotting more money for the year-end concert."

Excessive water use costs college

By Janet Wakutz

Water usage in March was up by 1,000 gallons, according to Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, who said at the time he believed water taps were being left on and water was flowing freely.

"Our concern is to control costs and preserve the environment," said Milner whose figures indicate the cost of water used over the average was \$50 to \$55 including water and salt for the softener. Students and staff were asked to turn off taps and faculty and security addressed the situation.

At the time, Al Hunter, head of security, notified the areas that were causing concern, including the journalism labs on the fourth floor and the labs in graphic design.

"Guards are still alert and there have been no more problems," said Hunter who asked his personnel to check for running water while on rounds.

Milner said he believes the problem has been corrected.

"Faculty along with security have addressed the situation and I have not heard anything further," Hunter said.

Vince Sowa, a member of faculty in the graphic design program, said at the time of the incident it was not a real problem, just over usage.

His classes had just completed processing two rolls of film each and making at least 64 prints. The processing of film requires 20 minutes of washing with cool water and prints require washing as well.

Sowa said he had found a couple of taps that wouldn't shut off and talked with students about

shutting off the taps. He also posted the notices he had received from physical resources.

Sowa now says he finds it difficult to believe that much of an increase was due to water running from a quarter-inch hose.

"I don't know where the water went, but I don't think it all went from our area," he said.

Sharon Dietz, journalism co-ordinator, wasn't able to determine there was a problem with students leaving taps running in journalism photo labs.

"During March only two students showed passes to security to gain entry to photo labs on weekends," said Dietz. "I talked to both of them and they said they didn't leave the taps running."

Dietz added it is possible that students came in without passes after those students were let in by security and they may have left taps running.

"I was unable to determine who they might be and at this point I am not sure there was a problem," she said.

Awards banquet celebrates 'synergy' of pooling resources

By Janet Wakutz

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance for the college, said when he thinks of special-needs enabling services, what comes to mind is providing the opportunity for students to achieve their potential, helping students recognize their needs and helping them to meet those needs.

"The synergy of pulling resources together is really what we want to celebrate. The spirit of what is done today is the sentiment of an outstanding employee," said Mullan.

The special needs awards were renamed last year and are now called the June Dahmer Memorial Special Needs Awards, in memory of June Dahmer who made contributions to special needs students at the Waterloo campus.

Dahmer's husband Al and daughter Sarah presented one of the awards and her mother Ann spoke about her daughter to the audience.

"She was a very special person who thought of all of you as her family," Dahmer's mother said.

Jack Fletcher, director of student services, emceed the award ceremony, held at the college on April 12.

The nominator for each award approached the podium and described why they nominated the individual and then presented the appropriate award.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Mike Verway of technology, nominated by student David Wright for his approachable, understanding way; Dick Parker of social services, nominated by Robert Gurney who said, "Dick Parker is a man who believes in empowerment;" Stuart Hood of welding engineering, nominated by Rashed Yeghani; and Martin Hare of technology, nominated by Lee Breen who said Hare had always been sensitive to Breen's needs which developed from a back injury.

The faculty award was given to

Allan Sparling and presented by Kurt Randall, who said, "I've never had a better teacher or instructor."

The support staff award went to Lynn Robbins and was presented by Steven Chmiel who called Robbins "extremely nice and caring."



Marian Mainland gets a hug from Myrna Nicholas as she receives her award.

(Photo by Janet Wakutz)

The student award went to Lee Breen and was presented by his friend, fellow student Dan Cann.

John Gilmour of computer services received the Glen Cromby award in recognition of his commitment to the provision of services for students with special needs at Conestoga College.

Myrna Nicholas, peer tutor administrator who is on sick leave, was presented with an award to recognize her dedication to the academic success of students with special needs. Marian Mainland, co-ordinator of special needs, presented the award.

Judy Hart, a support staff member from special needs, ended the award ceremony by presenting proctors with a token of appreciation for their work in accommodating students who required special tests.

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Cramming is common for Conestoga students

By Lindsay Gibson

There has been an 85 per cent increase in the number of students signing in to security after hours to work in labs.

Conestoga security guard Lori Rothwell said some students have been trying to pull "all-nighters" and security has had to kick them out because they don't have proper night passes. But most are back again at 6:30 a.m. the next morning.

"The biggest one is graphics," said Rothwell, who has worked security at the college for two years.

Traditionally the end of any semester is a busy time for students, said Joan Magazine, student services counsellor.

"It is also a busier time for the counsellors because some students are facing up to the fact they may not pass, when it should have been a reality before," she said.

Students are feeling the pressure of paper, exam and project due dates, said Leslie Molina, a third-year civil engineering student.



Leslie Molina, a third-year civil engineering student, signs in with security on Saturday, April 17. (Photo by Lindsay Gibson)

"It is stressful because everything comes all at once," he said.

According to Magazine it is all about setting priorities and planning ahead.

"The end tends to sneak up on you," she said. "Students need to set priorities and consider how certain projects will affect their grade and then focus more attention on those ones."

For example, if students feel they don't have enough time for

all courses, Magazine suggests students work on improving a C grade and spend less time on an existing A grade.

Magazine said that some students drop out at the end of the semester because they can't handle the pressure, but that does not happen very often.

"Some students have to ask for some time off work to study and get things done," said Magazine, "which is good because school should be first priority."

LASA students educate through information fair

By Carly Benjamin

First-year LASA students set up displays around Conestoga College, Tuesday, April 13, to inform students about different policing centres in the area.

The students participated in this information fair as part of their public administration course.

The project is designed to give LASA students an in-depth look at incarceration centres they may one day be employed at.

As part of the project, the first-year students were required to visit a particular jail or detention centre and conduct a

survey by means of a questionnaire to be included in a final written report on the entire experience.

The LASA students were required to consider funding, legislation and how the different levels of government affect the jail system.

Other interesting facts were discovered in the process of completing this project, according to Sarah Pooley, a first-year LASA student who visited the Guelph Correction Centre.

"We learned how much it costs to keep an inmate in prison per day, even what kind of salaries jail

employees earn," she said. "And we also got a taste of the levels of hierarchy throughout."

Pooley also said the centre her group toured is in danger of closing because the government is considering a proposal for a "super jail," a larger jail that would replace all the smaller jails in the area.

The idea which was proposed in September 1999 has now been postponed to the year 2000.

If it were accepted, smaller jails like Guelph would close.

Rhys Hayes and Darryl Porterfield, both first-year LASA students who participated in the LASA fair, said they have been accepted as auxiliary officers for the Ontario Provincial Police.

Although the opportunity did not arise from the project they did on the OPP for the LASA fair, the students agreed it was a position that would offer experience for their program and later their career.

In the initial training, auxiliary officers are required to complete an extensive orientation program of approximately 60 hours.

Auxiliary members assist regular OPP officers and duties may include community policing initiatives and projects, search and rescue situations, crime and disaster scenes, large gatherings or parades for crowd and traffic control and traffic accidents.



Rhys Hayes, a first-year LASA student, has been accepted as an auxiliary officer for the OPP. (Photo by Carly Benjamin)

CBSA holds annual banquet and bash

Julie van Donkersgoed

The Conestoga Business Student Association held its 11th annual awards banquet at 6 p.m. on April 13 at the Waterloo Inn.

Ian Matthew, co-ordinator of the small business development program, acted as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Laurie Campbell, CBSA communications co-ordinator, said 351 attended the event, at which 61 awards were presented.

Awards were presented to students from business programs at the college.

The programs included accounting, business mathematics, computer programmer/analyst, general business, management studies, marketing, materials management, microcomputer administration and microcomputer software certificate.

While too numerous to list, the awards presented ranged from faculty awards to program-specific awards.

Hong Chau, CBSA president, presented awards of appreciation

to the current executive of the association.

The executive included Teresa Bricker, vice president; Trevor Topping, treasurer; Laurie Campbell, communications co-ordinator; Ryan Hicks, promotions co-ordinator; and Mike Johnson, computer liaison.

Chau presented the CBSA executive for the 1999-2000 school year which includes Lisa Cashmore, president; Katie Henhoeffer, vice president; Trevor Topping, treasurer; Christa Bilton, communications co-ordinator; Teresa Bricker, promotions co-ordinator; and Andreas Kyriacov, computer liaison.

The awards ceremony was followed by a biz bash at Sammy's Garage, a bar in downtown Kitchener.

Students and some faculty, many still sporting their semi-formal wear from the banquet, attended the event.

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Gretzky's retirement spurs student debate

By Elizabeth Sackrider

The greatest hockey player Canada has ever produced is hanging up his skates after a 20-year career.

Wayne Gretzky, the legendary number 99, has announced his retirement and the news has caused mixed reactions across the country.

Some of Conestoga's hockey fans interviewed in a random survey thought Gretzky should be able to retire if he wants, despite being an international super athlete and hockey legend.

Others thought he should hang in there and play for one more year.

Tony Wagner, a first-year mechanical engineering student, said he thought Gretzky should do as he likes.

"He shouldn't let the media affect his decisions," said Wagner. Derrick Wall, a first-year woodworking student, agreed with Wagner's sentiment.

"After 20 years he deserves some family time. He is a family man now," said Wall.

First-year mechanical engineering student, Mike Tutka, also said he thought Gretzky should spend more time with his family.

"He's too old for the game," said Tutka.

Shauna Peterson, a second-year accounting student, agreed



Tannis Fenton, journalism.



Dwayne Hofstetter, civil engineering.



Shauna Peterson, accounting.



Mike Tutka, mechanical engineering.

that Gretzky should retire.

"I think he should retire with style," said Peterson. "He should retire when he is still in the public eye."

Gretzky has worked hard to get where he is, said second-year accounting student, Cindy Dean.

"If he wants to retire, he should. If he wants to take time off, he should go nuts and do what he wants," said Dean.

First-year woodworking student Dave Faulhafer said Gretzky should stay in the game.

"He has a couple of good years in him," said Faulhafer. "Besides his wife doesn't want him to leave."

Greg Bishop, a first-year computer programming analyst

student, agreed Gretzky should stay on the ice.

"I think he should stay another year," said Bishop. "Nobody really knew about this and he should have waited till next season."

Second-year accounting student, Steve Wright, concurred Gretzky should play another season.

"He should play one more year with Toronto," said Wright. "He would make the perfect second-line centre."

Second-year civil engineering student, Dwayne Hofstetter, said he doesn't think Gretzky's retirement will last.

"He is going to retire for a year then play for the Maple Leafs," said Hofstetter.

Overall, most hockey patrons agree it is terrible to say goodbye to the great one.

Second-year accounting student, James Galloway, said he was sorry that such a great hockey player is finally going to be leaving the game.

"It's sad to see him go," said Galloway. "It is good he goes out now while he is still favourable with people."

Tannis Fenton, a first-year journalism student, agreed with Galloway.

"It is sad to see a great Canadian hockey player go," said Fenton. "He has been amazing, even though he has been in the States, he has been a great role model for many young athletes."



Tony Wagner, mechanical engineering.

Photos by
Jeanette Overall

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Stress and Stress Management Part 2: Coping with Stress

In part 1, we discussed that stress is the continual change that we all face in our everyday lives, and that we respond to these changes in different ways physically, emotionally and mentally.

- A goal is not to eliminate stress but to learn how to manage it, even use it to help us. Raise your awareness of your stressors and your reactions to them. Don't ignore your problems.

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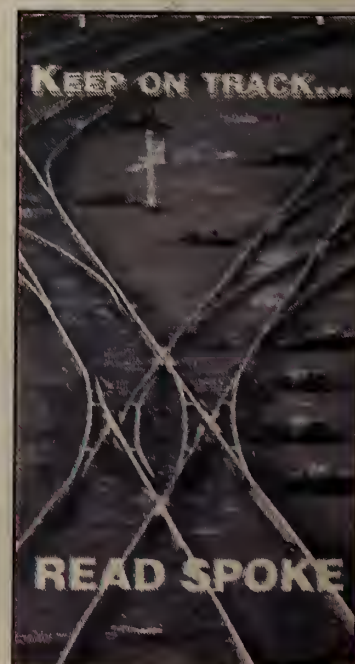
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From Brantford to Nagano, Gretzky was great

Wayne Gretzky surprised, dazzled and amazed most people who ever saw him play the game of hockey. But



Brian Smiley

while Gretzky announced that he's at peace and ready to move on, how many of us were ready to let go of arguably the greatest hockey player to ever have played the sport?

I, for one, am not.

Gretzky will always be a part of me, as long as I live. I like to think that we will always have a special link, shared with about 80,000 other people, who were born or live in our hometown, Brantford.

When you meet a person, invariably they ask where you're from and I always answer without hesitation, "I'm from Brantford, the place where Wayne Gretzky was born." While most of these people don't know the geographical location of our city, they've heard of Brantford and most of them know Brantford because of Wayne Gretzky.

Answering that question gives me a chance to place our name in the same sentence, and it seems we've done something together.

By the time I was born, in 1975, Gretzky had already made his mark on 'his' sport and our city. However, from talking with people and reading newspaper stories, I've come to realize there were some people in our city that didn't like him. Those Brantford

citizens should be embarrassed and ashamed.

Gretzky didn't burst onto the hockey scene and tear up Brantford minor hockey in his first season playing organized hockey. He wasn't always the phenomenon he is today.

In that first year, playing novice, Gretzky scored one single, solitary goal. Mind you he was a six-year-old playing in a league where everyone else was 10, but still a sub-par performance.

It was after his first year that Gretzky became a star. Most people know about his scoring feats (378 goals in one year, etc.), however many people may be shocked and amazed to know Brantford didn't want him.

Some players' parents on Wayne's team downright despised, even hated, this youngster. They yelled obscenities at Gretzky and threatened him for taking the spotlight and playing time away from their own children. Wayne did whatever his coaches asked of him, which is what every player should do, but doesn't, and for this he was 'forced' to leave the city at age 14 and play Junior B in Toronto.

Since that time Brantford has renamed a recreation complex and road in his name. But even those distinguished honours were debated in Brantford.

In the early 1980s it was suggested the Brant and District Civic Centre be renamed in Gretzky's name, but that idea was shot down. Instead a recreation centre was renamed the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre.

In the 1990s when one city councillor suggested renaming one of the main roads in the city Wayne Gretzky Parkway, even that had to be debated, until finally approved.

Why has this man been subjected to this type of treatment in his own city, the place he put on every map?

Jealousy.

Wayne Gretzky could donate every penny he has ever earned to Brantford and some people would still argue that he hasn't done anything for the city. This is the argument many people have made as to why they dislike this personable man and why we shouldn't honour him in his own hometown. Because he hasn't done anything for us.

Hogwash.

Gretzky's name alone is the biggest selling point to any industry or person wishing to relocate to Brantford.

I will remember Gretzky for what he is and not what my fellow Brantfordians wanted him to be. He was arguably, (in my mind he is), the greatest hockey player, role model and citizen our city has ever produced and probably ever will, in my lifetime.

The Oxford definition of hero is a person who is admired for nobility, courage and outstanding achievement.

Having watched him play as I grew up, I know what an outstanding career he has had. In 1985/86 he set the record for points in one season with 215. In his career he amassed records for the most NHL goals, with 894.

His assist total of 1,963 is more than anyone has in total points. And his point total of 2,857 is around one-third more than anyone else.

Gretzky is a hero.

A legend, according to Oxford, is a famous or remarkable person.

Gretzky achieved a lot outside of the game. Every year from 1981 to 1992 he ran a Gretzky Celebrity Tennis tournament (later changed to softball) in Brantford. This tournament raised more than \$1.2 million for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. That is a remarkable effort by any person.

Gretzky is a legend.

Canada has few icons, which Oxford says is an image or statue.

When hockey is mentioned anywhere, I would wager a lot of money it doesn't take people long, after striking up a conversation, before Gretzky comes to mind.

Gretzky is an icon.

The image I will always remember of Gretzky occurred during the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Canada was tied at one with the Czech Republic and the game was moving into a sudden-death shootout. The winner would advance to the gold medal game, the loser the bronze. Both teams were selecting their shooters and I remember thinking, "This is the ultimate ending to the greatest hockey career. Gretzky will come off the bench as the last shooter, the shootout will be tied, and Gretzky will have the last chance to win the game. He'll do it."

That never happened. Gretzky wasn't selected to be one of

Canada's five shooters and Canada lost the game. The greatest goal scorer and player the game had ever produced was left to hang his head on the bench in disbelief when he wasn't chosen to represent his country in its greatest time of need (outside of war).

His life had come full circle. Gretzky was no longer needed (like his days in Brantford) and my heart sank. It was then that I realized the end was near and that is not the image I want to have of him in my mind. However, I can only think of what might have been, had he been chosen as one of "our" shooters? Would we have won the gold medal? Would Canadian hockey be better and not ailing as it is?

These debates can only be raised because Gretzky is the world's greatest player and has such an impact on his sport.

Everything worked out in the end. Gretzky was forced to leave Brantford and maybe if he had remained he wouldn't have become what he has. It is possible that he may not even have been at those Olympics games.

What I know for sure is that I'm proud that I wasn't one of those parents or spectators, players or coaches, at Brantford's arenas who were inconsiderate and rude to a young boy who just wanted to play a game he loved.

I was on his side and I'll always hold a special place in my heart for the greatest person, gentleman and hockey player Brantford will ever produce.

Gretzky cards worth double overnight, collector says

By Wayne Collins

Students who collect hockey cards should be aware that, with Wayne Gretzky's retirement, Gretzky cards and other memorabilia have just doubled, or even tripled, in value.

Gretzky, 38, announced his retirement at a news conference in

New York on April 16, despite the pleas of family, fans and fellow players to play one more season.

The announcement ends the career of what many, including Pittsburgh Penguins star Mario Lemieux, consider the greatest hockey player to ever lace up a pair of skates. Gretzky leaves the New York Rangers as their leading scorer this season with nine goals and 61 assists, despite suffering a neck injury.

Number 99, known around the National Hockey League and the world as "The Great One", re-wrote the NHL's record books in a 20-year career that ended with one last assist on Sunday against the Penguins.

Gretzky retires with 894 goals and 1,963 assists for a total of 2,857 regular season points.

Tim Clark, who sells hockey memorabilia at the Flea Market on Hespeler Road in Cambridge, says he considers Gretzky the No. 1 player of all time.

"Hockey is going to be very different," says Clark. "Nobody will replace him."

Clark, who's been collecting hockey cards for more than 20 years, says his collection of Gretzky cards and souvenirs, has

already doubled in value since last Friday's announcement.

"Cards that were worth \$400 last week, can be sold for at least \$800 this week," says Clark, who's hanging on to a couple of Gretzky's rookie cards for the same reason.

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Tim Clark,
hockey card salesman

He says he'd already sold five Gretzky cards at the market by 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and expects to get a lot of offers for his remaining cards.

Most vendors, he says, usually refer to a publication called Crease to determine an item's market value. After Gretzky's retirement, however, he expects buyers will be more than willing to bid more on his card stocks.

"They will go to the highest bidder," says Clark.

To put old hockey memorabilia prices in perspective, Clark says,

Bobby Orr's rookie card is worth approximately \$2,700 but points out that this card is from 1967.

As time goes by, Gretzky cards will become even more valuable.

Collectors should scout around

for old Edmonton Oilers, St. Louis Blues, Los Angeles Kings and Rangers cards with Gretzky's face on them.

"In my opinion," says Clark, "if someone wants them bad enough, I can ask any price I want."

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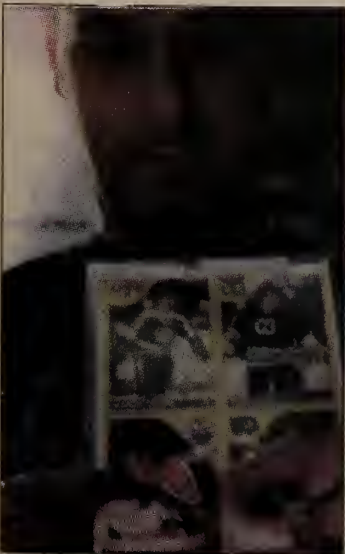
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Tim Clark holds up a Wayne Gretzky card. He says this particular set, with these three other players, will sell for about \$35 now but the price will go up. (Photo by Wayne Collins)

Athletic Award Winners



Coach Geoff Johnstone presents Paul Mouradian with one of the two MVP awards he won for indoor and outdoor men's soccer.

(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)



Marlene Ford (left), Conestoga's athletic program assistant, presents Stephanie Den Haan with the MVP award for women's indoor soccer.

(Photo by Charles Kuepfer)

Conдор teams capture four medals

Athletic manager predicts gold for future varsity teams

By Brian Smiley

Conestoga College's varsity sports teams all had successful 1998/1999 campaigns, according to Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation.

But next year he may be blinded by the shininess of gold medals he thinks those teams are capable of winning.

"It's been a very good year, as opposed to other years I've been here," James said. "Next year is looking very promising. We're looking to strike for at least two golds."

Conдор teams struck for four medals this year, none of them coveted golds, but an excellent showing nonetheless.

The biggest highlight of the year was the men's hockey team. After having a mediocre regular season, the Condors put things together at the end of the season and slipped into the OCAA playoffs as the fourth, and final, seed. In a mild upset, the Condors captured the bronze medal. But the most prominent event was yet to come.

In the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association hockey championships held at the college, Conestoga upset the No. 1 nationally ranked Cambrian Golden Shield, for a thrilling finish to their season.

The Condors were an up-and-down team and had the talent and potential for success all season, but they couldn't string together enough wins to be considered among the elite of Canadian college hockey. They used that potential and talent in the finals and proved to be an outstanding squad.

"The second half of the year is what I'd like to remember," James said. Most people will agree, as the varsity hockey

team accomplished something no other Conestoga hockey team has done before: skate away from the National Championships with the silver medal.

Women's softball also took home one of the four medals, a silver, at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association playoff tournament at Durham College in October. Considering the team was rebuilding this year, it was a fantastic effort because they weren't supposed to compete with the elite of the league. Even though there's nowhere to go but up, James said next year looks to be better.

"It's very promising for next year. I'm expecting they'll challenge for the gold medal at the Ontario championships," he said.

The men's outdoor soccer team

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*Ian James,
manager of
athletics and recreation*

also won hardware, capturing a bronze medal at the OCAA championships. Winning bronze was a huge boost to the men's soccer program at the college, considering the team has kept the basement of the league warm in previous years.

"It's a tremendous turnaround," James said. "They had a great season and we're tremendously excited about the 1999/2000 season."

After recruiting a few new

players this year, the team started to gel and had a decent indoor season to complement their outdoor team. James said they have a lot of individual talent and may put it all together next year.

"We're excited about what's going to happen with the men's soccer program," he said.

The women's indoor and outdoor teams are in definite rebuilding processes, but they were still able to provide some immense optimism for the upcoming year.

The women's outdoor team won the regional championship and made it to the quarter-finals of the OCAA championships before bowing out for the year.

James said he is looking forward to big things with this team next year and doesn't expect them to fall off their usual winning pace from previous years.

After switching to the cozy confines of the gymnasium, the women's indoor team seemed to be cruising when they won the regional provincial qualifying tournament for the OCAA championships. However, they lost steam in the OCAA championships and exited early from those championships, failing to reach the playoff round.

"It's going to be a toss-up next year," James said. "We're going to be as strong as this year but, we need three key players."

Each team had some smell of success and all the players accomplished one important achievement this season.

On top of the fabulous results the varsity teams had, James said the athletes themselves represented the college in remarkable fashion.

"Conestoga was represented very well by their varsity athletes," he said.

Ford would like to see basketball included

Assistant manager says intramurals a success

By Brian Smiley

April ends Conestoga College's athletic season and that includes intramurals, which saw participation remain steady, according to Marlene Ford, assistant manager of athletics and recreation.

The recreation centre ran five different intramurals including co-ed slo-pitch, touch football, contact hockey, two sessions of co-ed volleyball and ball hockey.

Ford said she was happy with all the seasons, but would like to add another intramural to the schedule next year.

"It was disappointing that no basketball ran," she said.

Ford attempted to put together a basketball session, but the interest wasn't there so it was dropped. She said she will try again next year and hopefully there will be more interest.

"It was disappointing that no basketball ran."

*Marlene Ford,
assistant manager of
athletics and recreation*

In co-ed slo-pitch, which ran during the first semester, the Amateurs took the title. Touch football, also in the first session,

crowned Foo Bar as its champion. Contact hockey had no winner because of scheduling conflicts, and in the first session of volleyball, which Ford says is the best intramural, These Guys captured the championship.

In the second session Civil 2 No. 1 took home the volleyball title and the B. Clams won the ball hockey championship.

Overall, Ford said the intramurals continue to have a good participation rate, but things are getting tougher because students continue to take on more responsibilities.

"Right now students need a part-time job or they commute and they just can't do it (participate)," she said.



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Whatever you do don't pass up *Go*

By Eileen Diniz

Go, the new entertaining black comedy/drama by *Swingers* director Doug Liman, stars Katie Holmes (*Disturbing Behaviour*), Sarah Polley (*The Sweet Hereafter*), Jay Mohr (*200 Cigarettes*), Scott Wolf (TV's *Party of Five*), William Fichter (*Armageddon*) and Timothy Olyphant (*Scream 2*).

The movie takes place a couple days before Christmas holidays. It is split into three different situations that all begin at the same time. The film is basically about a bunch of messed up kids having difficulties with judgement, morality and drugs.

Go starts out with Ronna Martin (Polley), a sarcastic SoCal grocery store clerk, trying to make some extra cash to pay the rent before she is evicted. She has taken Simon Baines', (Desmond Askew) shift, which includes a bit of drug dealing on the side. Simon has decided to take some time off to go to Las Vegas for the weekend.

Ronna is so desperate for cash she eventually decides to also fill in for Simon in a drug run after two actors, Adam (Wolf) and Zack (Mohr), approach her requesting some ecstasy. She goes to Simon's main drug source Todd Gaines (Olyphant) and uses her reluctant best friend Claire Montgomery (Holmes) as collateral.

Ronna continues this charade

and gets even deeper into trouble while attending a rave at an underground nightclub.

The second situation in *Go* follows Simon and his friend Marcus (Taye Diggs) to Las Vegas. They get extremely drunk, lose their money and get into some more crazy trouble with the owner of a topless bar.

Later in the movie the two actors (Wolf and Mohr) turn up again. You learn what they are up to and begin to understand how the film fits together.

These two also have quite a funny and strange dinner with detective Burke (Fichter) and his super friendly wife (Jane Krakowski from TV's *Ally McBeal*). This married couple also makes it obvious to Adam and Zack that they are very open to sexual adventures with strangers.

The end of *Go* involves the young actors colliding in an outrageous way at an underground Los Angeles nightclub.

The good thing about this movie is that the characters as well as their situations are both interesting and fun. It is original and leaves the viewer amazed by the characters' pathetic sense of what is right and what is wrong.

Go opened in theatres April 9 and is rated AA for coarse language and some strong subject matter. It is currently playing at Cambridge Centre Cinema and Fairway Cinema in Kitchener.



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Fixing Conestoga



Ken Schiedel of Kitchener Glass Ltd. prepares to take a length of glass from his truck to fix a Conestoga College door.
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Anti-NATO protests continue in Kitchener

By Wayne Collins

As NATO's offensive against Yugoslavia reached its 26th night on April 17, protestors gathered again in front of Kitchener's city hall, demanding an end to the bombing.

Black robed priests from Kitchener's Serbian Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity, began the Saturday rally at 8 p.m. with a prayer in the Serbian language, while forming the church's sign of the Holy Trinity with three fingers of their hands.

Several speakers then took to the podium, condemning the NATO bombings as a waste of Canadian taxpayers' money. They chanted anti-war slogans to the crowd of more than 300 people from various local community groups, including Greeks, Serbians, Romanians, Czechs, Canadians and British.

Adults and children alike cheered reports of NATO failures, such as downed bombers near Belgrade, while lighting candles and singing Serbian songs. Most of those present, including several Conestoga College and University of Waterloo students, waved either Canadian or Serbian flags and wore black and white targets pinned to their bodies, symbolizing the victims of NATO bombs in Yugoslavia.

One speaker, Davaor Milicevic, shouting into the microphone from the stage in English, asked the crowd, "Who needs propaganda?"

He answered his question with a lengthy speech, saying NATO needed propaganda more than Serbia because they were the ones bombing Yugoslavia.

"Serbians in Serbia don't need propaganda," he said. "Serbians eat with bombs, and their (children) go to sleep with bombs."

Milicevic also asked how many people in the world can actually

watch Serbian television.

"None," he answered himself, adding that meanwhile, everybody can watch "NATO television."

He said it is not hard to tell who's been lying, since the outset of the whole campaign. Milicevic said that NATO needs to lie to get world support for its unjust offensive against the Serbian people and their president, Slobodan Milosevic.

Milicevic blamed the United States, saying the Americans have a strategic interest in bombing Yugoslavia.

"They want no social alternatives to their version of capitalism anywhere on the globe," Milicevic said.

"Serbians in Serbia don't need propaganda."

Davaor Milicevic

The crowd cheered loudly, waving flags throughout the evening as several more speakers took the podium.

One woman went up and read the news in Serbian for those who had no Internet access. Several times the crowd cheered to hear news of downed NATO pilots. It was also reported that 70,000 people had gathered in Macedonia to protest NATO's plans to land ground troops there.

When the speeches ended, the crowd left City Hall to march along King Street, singing and chanting phrases such as "Stop the bombing."

Both the OPP and Waterloo regional police were present to maintain order and provide traffic control along King Street. The crowd dispersed and the protest ended without any incidents.



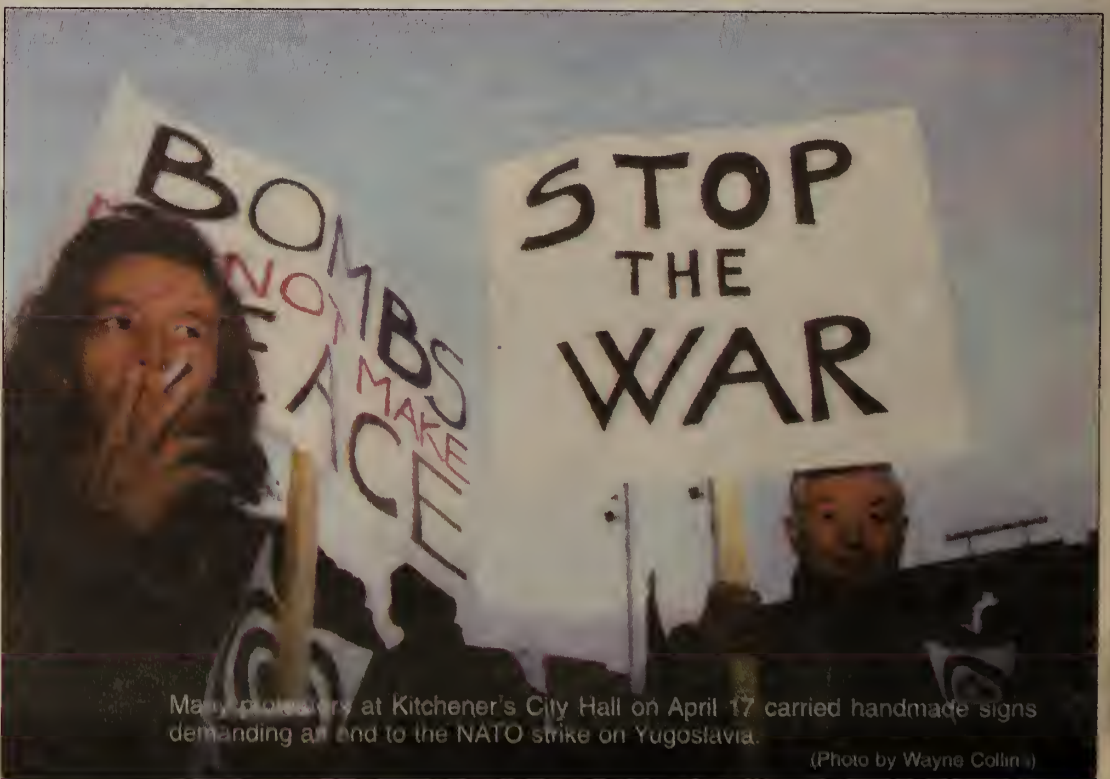
Most of the protesters at Kitchener's City Hall on April 17 wore targets over their clothing to symbolize victims of the NATO bombing in Yugoslavia. (Photos by Wayne Collins)



Priests from Kitchener's Serbian Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity, began the protest at Kitchener City Hall on April 17 with a prayer in Serbian. (Photo by Wayne Collins)



Momir Jakovljevic (left) and Nebojsa Miric attended the anti-NATO rally at Kitchener's City Hall on April 17. Miric is making the Serbian Orthodox Church's sign of the Holy Trinity. (Photo by Wayne Collins)



Many protesters at Kitchener's City Hall on April 17 carried handmade signs demanding an end to the NATO strike on Yugoslavia. (Photo by Wayne Collins)